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DURING WEO MEETING MORNING NOV 22, GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS REACHED TO OPPOSE PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT (A/C.5/L.1134). FOLLOWING POSITIONS WERE GIVEN: REPS OF DENMWRK, NORWAY AND JAPAN ANNOUNCED CLEAR OPPOSITION; FRANCE, FRG AND UK REPS FOUND PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT RAISED MANY DIFFICULTIES FOR THEIR GOVTs BUT THEY WERE RECOMMENDING AGAINST SUPPORTING AMENDMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY VOTE AGAINST; DELS OF GREECE, AUSTRIA AND TURKEY SAID THAT THEIR GOVTs WERE PROBABLY AGAINST AMENDMENT; SPANISH DEL SAID THAT AMENDMENT PRESENTED DIFFICULTIES FOR HIS COUNTRY ALSO AND HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO SPEAK TO PORTUGUESE REQUESTING THEM TO WITHDRAW THEIR AMENDMENT; CANADIAN DEL SAID HE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS BUT HE BELIEVED THAT CO-SPONSORS OF 35 POWER DRAFT RES (A/C.5/L.1130/REV 1) WOULD OPPOSE. CONSENSUS WAS THAT WEO'S SHOULD ADHERE TO COMMON

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POSITION, SINCE TO DO OTHERWISE COULD UNDERMINE BASIC 35-POWER

DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. DURING DEBATE IN FIFTH COMITE, NOV 22, CLELAND OF GHANA  
ANNOUNCED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD CALL FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON  
PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT.

3. WE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT AUTHORIZING US TO OPPOSE  
PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: A) OUR STRONGEST  
ARGUMENT AGAINST CUBAN/YEMENI AND SOV AMENDMENTS HAS BEEN  
THAT 35-POWER DRAFT IS BALANCED COMPROMISE WHICH SHOULD NOT  
BE UPSET BY ANY AMENDMENTS. PROGRESS MADE SO FAR (SEPTEL) IN  
PERSUADING NON-ALIGNED, AND PARTICULARLY AF'S, TO OPPOSE YEMENI  
AMENDMENT HAS BEEN IN LARGE PART BASED ON RECOGNITION THAT 35-POWER  
DRAFT SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED. POLICY OF VOTING AGAINST SOME  
AMENDMENTS AND NOT OTHERS WOULD BE POOR RESPONSE TO CO-SPONSORS  
OF 35-POWER DRAFT RES WHO HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT ACCEPT NOTHING  
THAT WOULD CAUSE USG PROBLEMS. US FAILURE TO OPPOSE PORTUGUESE  
AMENDMENT WOULD BE READ AS ABANDONMENT OF PRINCIPLE BECAUSE OF  
OVERRIDING COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL ON EVERY ISSUE.  
B) GIVEN FLUIDITY OF SITUATION REPORTED SEPARATELY, WE CANNOT  
ESTIMATE WITH PRECISION EFFECT ON YEMENI AND SOV AMENDMENTS  
OF US VOTE ON PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, THERE NO QUESTION  
BUT THAT US ISOLATION COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT SINCE  
PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT VOTE WILL PRECEDE VOTE ON 35-POWER DRAFT  
AND COULD COME BEFORE VOTE ON YEMENI AMENDMENT. (LATTER POINT  
DEPENDS ON RULING FROM CHAIR WHICH HAS YET TO BE MADE.);  
C) DECISION PLACING PORTUGUESE AMONG COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO REGULAR  
ASSESSMENT FOR UNEF COSTS WAS POLITICAL DECISION AND IS ONE OF  
MANY DEPARTURES FROM PURELY ECONOMIC CRITERIA;  
D) FROM STANDPOINT OUR RELATIONS WITHIN WEO GROUP, IT WOULD  
BE HELPFUL TO ADOPT COMMON WEO POSITION;  
E) PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT HAS NOT SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF BEING  
APPROVED.

4. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED URGENTLY.

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